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SEGREGATION BEING READIED; START MORE THAN MONTH OFF REHEARING OPPORTUNITY WILL BE GIVEN

Segregation will commence in the relocation centers sometime soon or more hence, a teletype from Director D. S. Myer indicated, said Project Director L. H. Bennett.

The segregation center is yet unannounced. It is not known which centers will be affected first.

Bennett said that individuals who have been segregated will be given an opportunity to appeal for a rehearing. In general, the policies and procedures for segregation remain vague and in its preparatory stage. It was expected, however, that a more definite picture can be obtained shortly.

"Segregation," explained Myer, "will be undertaken because it should promote harmony in the relocation centers and facilitate the program of outside relocation for loyal American citizens and law-abiding aliens among evacuees."

ICKES CONFIRMS NISEI LOYALTY

PACIFIC CITIZEN-Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes made it clear last Thursday that he was unaware of any subversive activities on the part of Japanese American evacuees now working on his farm at Olney, Maryland.

The United Press reported him as telling a press conference that his crops are "growing normally."

"Not even Japanese beetles have dared to show their heads," Ickes said.

His remarks were obviously in reply to a spokesman for the Dies Committee who said recently that Ickes' evacuee employees had attended a meeting of the Japanese American Citizen League. The JACL is charged by the House investigating committee of dictating the policies of the War Relocation Authority.

'Y' Working Girls Plan USO Soon

Soldiers furlough--visiting the center need not be at loose ends in the future.

Organizations of a USO in the immediate future is scheduled by the Y working girls of Butte.

Planned is an organization meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 8 p.m. at 43-13-B. Open invitations have been extended to all interested girls.

Wolter Quells Rumor-Mongers

"Rumor is an ugly master carrying its head in the clouds." This quotation by Virgil often seems applicable to things that go on in the center, said Hugo Wolter, C M D head.

There is no need for any rumors since everyone has the opportunity to check the truthfulness of any statement with any member of the administration.

Plans of the administration are discussed with representatives of the people before being put into effect, said Wolter.

"Our purpose is and always will be an orderly and efficient community which will give reason for pointing to Gila Rivers as a center which brings credit to the Japanese Americans," concluded Wolter.

New Englanders Form Hospitality Committee To Aid Resettlers

With the increased number of employment opportunities being opened up in New England by Roger F. Clapp of the War Relocation Authority Office, a group of New England people have established a Hospitality Committee, according to a press release received here from Boston, Mass. Drawn from religious, cultural, educational and philanthropic organizations, this group is anxious to assist those coming into this area. Newcomers will be met, short-time hospitality in friendly homes provided, opportunities to meet other Japanese Americans arranged, and permanent housing located.

Meanwhile the Committee also plans work toward creating a friendly public attitude. In an area where almost no Japanese have lived before, the prejudices of some other areas are not present and a genuine cordiality may be

expected.

Another of his hopes is to assist Clapp in his work of securing more and more desirable employment offers. In states highly productive, both industrially and agriculturally, the opportunities for interesting and worthwhile (continued on page 4)

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BUDDHISM FUTURE BRIGHT---KUMATA

Not dismayed by the high insurmountable obstacles which confront his work, energetic and enthusiastic Reverend K. Kumata declared that the future of Buddhism should not cause too much pessimism among Buddhists.

Rev. Kumata is the national director of YPA, and his principal job is to keep Buddhism alive in spite of the diffusion of evacuees in the Mid-West (continued on page 2)